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Receipt is acknowledged of the papers filed September 18, 2006, September 25, 2006 and September 27, 2006:

A. The prior art filed September 25, 2006 has been entered into the file. The prior art does not anticipate the claimed inventions as well as the prior art does not suggest or motivate one of ordinary skilled in the art to prepare a toluene containing epothilone B clathrate which has the advantages as recited:

Crystallization from toluene/ethyl acetate solvent mixtures (e.g., 1:1 mixture) results in preferential incorporation of toluene in the clathrate channels (i.e., obtain form epoB-TO.beta., not epoB-EA.beta.). Both hydrogen-bond donors of the epothilone (hydroxyls) are involved in interepothilone hydrogen bonds and are not available to bind to, and constrain, the guest solvents. The HPLC purity was 99.77 area % (excluding toluene area %). Residual solvents in the cake were 15.3% w/w toluene and 0.3% w/w EtOAc. The mother liquor and wash contained only 0.5% of the epothilone B input activity.

B. The substitute declaration oath filed September 27, 2006 has been approved for the three inventors.

C. The amendments to the claims filed September 18, 2006 have been approved.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Lilling whose telephone number is 571-272-0918 and Fax Number is (703) 872-9306 or SPE Jon Weber whose telephone number is 571-272-0925. Examiner can be reached Monday-Friday from about 7:30 A.M. to about 7:00 P.M. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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